

ASCENT

The Campus Connection for Collegiate News, Information, and Student Thought

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Welcome Bus Trip Students!



Delta Phi Mu invites you to their

CARNIVAL

Friday, March 29
8 - 11 pm, Wick Social Room

Phi Beta Gamma invites you to their

COMBAT JOUST

Saturday, March 30
4:30 - 6:30 pm, Wick Dining Room

Multi-Cultural Association invites you to their

TALENT SHOW

Saturday, March 30
8 pm, Wick Social Room

Sister Mary Angela Canavan, former Daemen President, dies at age 85

Sister Mary Angela Canavan, the second president of Daemen College (formerly Rosary Hill College), died Monday, February 19, 1996 in Sisters Hospital of Buffalo, after a prolonged illness.

In 1973, she received Daemen College's highest honor, the Mother Magdalen Daemen Medal, for her service to humanity.

She served as president from 1953 to 1973, and guided the college on a progressive path of growth and development. Under her guidance, the college grew from a small sectarian college of women only (less than 300 students) to a coeducational non-sectarian college with over 1400 students.

Under her leadership:

- The college received accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
- Dun Scotus Hall, Marian Library, Canavan Hall, and Wick Center all were built.
- 23 apartment buildings were acquired and renovated into dormitories on Campus Drive.
- Academic programs for degrees in science and music were added to the curriculum, and groundwork was laid for the future addition of the physical therapy program at the college.

Sister Angela was also an active member of the Middle States Evaluation Committee for many colleges in the east coast area, and an advocate for higher education and for women's rights in the church and society.

Sister Angela was a graduate of the Seminary of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at Stella Niagara. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Ohio Dominican College in Columbus, and her master of arts degree from St. Bonaventure University. In 1960, St. John's University in Queens awarded Sister Angela with an honorary doctorate of laws degree paying tribute to her "unique and exciting experience of building a college almost from its inception."

Sister Angela began her educational career as a teacher of elementary and secondary schools. Later in her career she held the position of a high school principal. In June of 1953, she was named as president of Rosary Hill College (Daemen).

Sister Mary Angela Canavan will long be remembered for her dedication to higher education, and to the dynamic college she nurtured from its early beginnings...Daemen College.

A native of Niagara Falls, Sister Mary Angela Canavan was buried in Stella Niagara Cemetery, on Saturday, February 24, 1996.

(source: The Buffalo News/ Wednesday, February 21, 1996)

The ASCENT wants to hear from you!

Why not share your thoughts with the campus community through our newspaper, ASCENT?

If you're interested in finding out more, stop by Wick Center and talk to the Director of Student Activities, Chris Malik.

Submissions for the ASCENT are due the 15th day of the month preceding the issue. Send all submissions on a 3.5 inch Macintosh formatted computer disk (preferable) or typed on plain paper to the Student Activities Office.

VITA Service free to Daemen folks!

Daemen College Accounting students, under the direction of Dr. Robert Colson, Division Chair of Accounting and Business Administration, will be participating in the national volunteer program VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) on Daemen's campus.

The group will be able to assist with simple tax returns. All the students' work will be supervised, and all information will be handled confidentially. Best of all, the work is being provided to the Daemen community, free of charge.

DATES: Monday, March 25

TIMES: 4 - 8 pm

LOCATION: 107/109
Bus. & Com. Bldg.

**For more information contact
Dr. Robert Colson at 839-8239**

Daemen College's Film Series

Family Values

presents

WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE

Director: Lasse Hallstrom (1993)

Starring: Johnny Depp & Juliette Lewis

Tuesday, March 26, 1996

7:30 pm, Alumni Lounge in Wick Center

This quirky gem features a brilliant performance by Johnny Depp as a young man longing to escape the confines of his peculiar family. A humorous and touching treatment of family dynamics.

Commentator: Cheryl Laskowski, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Daemen College. Dr. Laskowski's courses in nursing practice frequently focus on family issues.

(no admission charge - the public is welcome)

Campus Ministry News



On Sunday, February 18, 1996, Bishop Mansell presented Fr. Mark Illig with the "Moderator of the Year" award. Each year this award is given to a priest in the Buffalo Diocese recognizing his outstanding service to the young people of their parish.

Dr. Larry Wright, Campus Minister at Daemen for the past 12 years, was recently presented the top award of the Erie County Dental Society, "The Frank Stone Award for Distinguished Service". Dr. Wright was cited for his many years of service for dentistry, for the community, Y.M.C.A., and for his campus ministry. Dr. Wright attended Daemen from 1980 to 1984, graduated with a B.A. degree in Religion and became a member of Campus Ministry. For eight years he served as Director. He states that it is a great joy to have the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving students.



On Monday, February 19, 1996, the Campus Ministry Office sponsored a trip to Lumber City Rock Gym for some indoor rock climbing! About ten students used the day off from classes (President's Day holiday) to "hang out" at the gym. Everyone had a great time, and Campus Ministry will be planning similar outings in the future.

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up and does not stop until you get into the office.

- Robert Frost

Tri-Beta hosts "Comedy" Coffeehouse



Seen here are members of *Caught in the Act*, the improvisational troupe from The Comix Cafe, who performed at a Daemen Coffeehouse on Saturday, February 17, 1996. One of the comedians, Corey Ross (pictured far right), is also a former Daemen student and a much beloved campus personality. Tri-Beta played host to the event.

Don't miss the March T.G.I.F. Parties!

March 15
with the
*Multi-Cultural
Association*

March 22
with the
*Student Association
and Psychology Club*

*Great food!
Cool Tunes!
Good Friends!
Fun Times!*

Admission: \$1

MARCH IS SOCIAL WORK MONTH

In Celebration of
Social Work Month

Department of Social Work
and the
Social Work Advisory Board
presents

FYI Seminar Series

*"Treating/Working with
Child Sex Abuse Offenders"*
Thursday, March 14, 1996

11:30-12:30 pm

Wick Center, Alumni Lounge

*"Subacute care and Where it Fits
in the Continuum"*

Thursday, March 21, 1996

11:30-12:30 pm

Bus. & Com. Building, Room 107

"Aging In America"

Thursday, March 28, 1996

5:30 pm

Bus. & Com. Building, Room 107

Admission is a can/box food item
or \$1.00 donation

Congratulations Peter Iwanitzki!

TTM major Peter Iwanitzki is the proud recipient of a \$500.00 scholarship from the Niagara Falls Traffic Club. Peter will be awarded his check on March 7, 1996 at the first joint international meeting of the Niagara Falls Traffic Club and the Ontario Traffic Club.

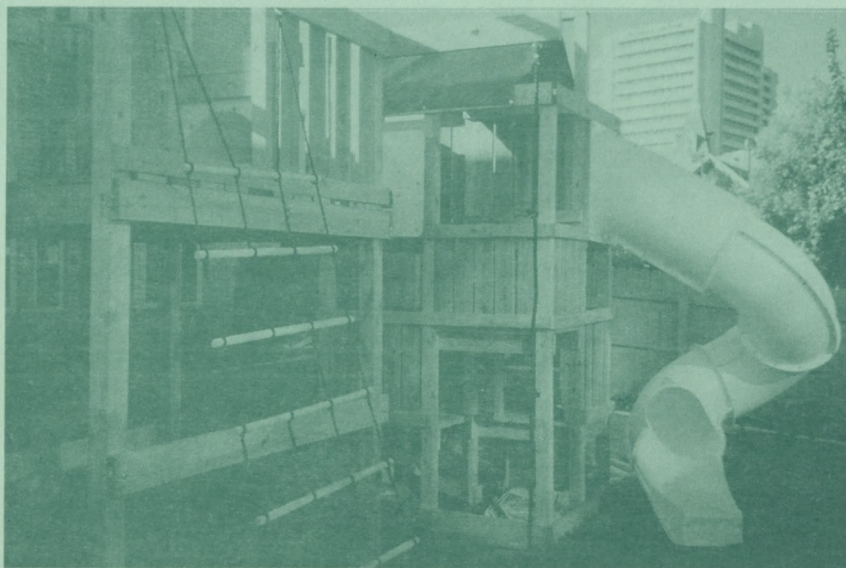
Penny Harvest

The First Annual Penny Harvest was inaugurated in Social Work Month, March, 1995. This fundraising project taught social work students that true dedication and hard work can result in great contributions to the community. This project may have ended in March, 1995, but it was just the beginning for Cornerstone Manor, a shelter for homeless women and children.

The Penny Harvest raised \$640.00 which was given to Cornerstone Manor. This money was put towards a brighter and larger playground for the children. Social work students, as well as the Cornerstone Manor, would like to thank everyone at Daemen College for participating in last year's fund-raiser. We couldn't have succeeded without

your generosity and care. We also would like to thank our colleagues at Niagara University for their participation in this project. Last but not least, we give much thanks to Chris Fiore of M&T Bank for counting and rolling every last penny we brought to him. The wonderful results from the Penny Harvest prove that hard work, dedication, and hope, **can and will make a difference!**

Well, guess what? It's that time of year again! March is Social Work month and the Second Annual Penny Harvest of the Social Work Alliance is in full operation. We hope everyone will join us by contributing your pennies to this fundraiser. The proceeds of this year's harvest will be donated to Aids Alliance of WNY.



Money collected at last year's Penny Harvest went to help pay for the cost of this playground for children at Cornerstone Manor.

Lambda Chi Iota & the Student Association

invite you to a

Daemen Coffeehouse

featuring:

**Tom
Santori**



Saturday, March 23
8 - 9:30 pm
Wick Snackbar

complimentary desserts and
specialty coffees served

free admission

Sports, Fitness, and Wellness Club

by Mike Letson

While recently entering into college, I had some preconceived ideas about how college life was going to be and some of the opportunities that would be offered. Not all of those ideas were right, in particular, dealing with the athletic side of this school. So I felt that I might be able to create some opportunities for everyone at Daemen College through the Sports, Fitness and Wellness Club. The officers will be Scott Malisefski, Molly Quinn, Amy Pawlak and myself.

The purpose of this club is to introduce and provide athletic activities to the student body and to help improve the athletic facilities here. Some ideas that we are presently working on for student involvement are volleyball intramurals and aerobic classes. We are working to enhance our weight room by adding new equipment such as stationary bikes, climbers and some new weight machines. A few fund-raisers that we have planned are a campus wide bottle drive, various sporting tournaments and sponsoring a "Velcro wall" at the carnival on bus-trip weekend.

Some views of the Daemen College community have been expressed by Dan Kingsley, Tanya Thomas, Mike Riggles and Mike Rozanski. Dan

Kingsley said, "I think it's a great idea because this school needs improved athletic facilities and more athletic events." Tanya agreed with him by saying, "It's a beautiful idea starting a sports club since we spend so much time studying. We need sporting activities to release our stress." Mike Riggles felt, "It's a novel idea of bringing this program to Daemen. It will give students a chance to get more involved in student activities while at the same time promote wellness." Mike Rozanski put it nicely by saying, "I think it's great to see some organization in non-intercollegiate athletic programs at Daemen. I think there's a lot of interest among the student body to get involved and participate in some sort of athletic or aerobic activity. The key now is to get people that are dedicated and will stick with it."

We, of the Sports, Fitness and Wellness Club, have great ideas for our future but nothing can be accomplished without the support of everyone at Daemen College. The Sports, Fitness and Wellness Club is open to everyone, not just athletes, and we encourage everyone that is interested in any of our new ideas, or have ideas of their own, to attend our next meeting, which is on Tuesday, March 12, 1996. Hope to see everyone there!

Career Day '96

Thursday, March 21
11 am - 1 pm, Wick Center Social Room

Your chance to meet with over 30 employers who are coming to Daemen to talk to students about full-time, part-time, summer, and professional opportunities with their organizations.

Some of last year's Career Day '95 employer participants

American Express Financial Advisors
Baker Hall
Business & Professional Women
Cheektowaga Youth & Recreation
Darien Lake Theme Park

Great Lakes Bureau
Moore Business Forms
People, Inc.
Rich Products Corporation
Staff Builders Home Care

Bring your resume!

For help in preparing one beforehand, visit the Department of Cooperative Education and Career Development in Canavan Hall, or call 839-8334.

Presented by:

Department of Cooperative Education & Career Development

Win Your Pot of Gold

at the

PASS's

(Physician Assistant Student Society)

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Join us at

The Stuffed Mushroom

2580 Main Street

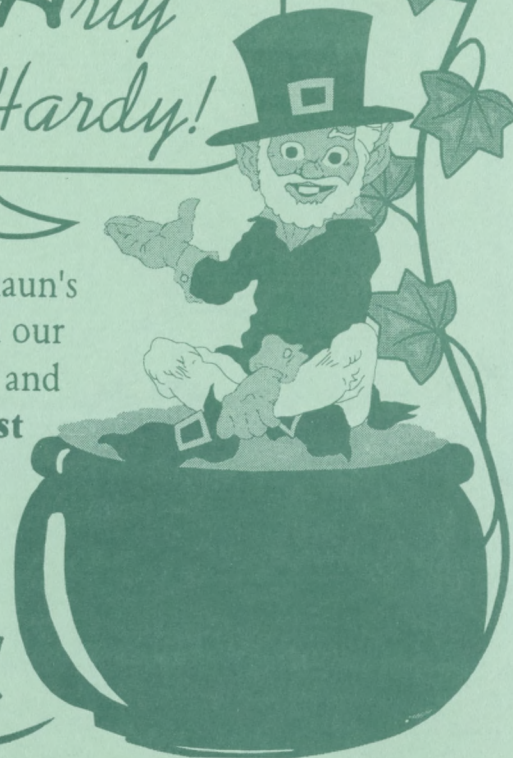
Friday, March 15 10:00 PM

**PArty
O'Hardy!**

Win the Leprechaun's
Pot of Gold in our
Ca\$h Raffle\$ and
Dart Contest

Proceeds benefit the
PASS

(Proper ID
Required)



STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Elections

April 15 - 19
Wick Lobby

(Letters of Intent due April 1 at Wick Desk.)

President
VP of Governing
VP of Programming
VP of Publications
Treasurer
Secretary

Fundoscopic Examination lecture

The Physician Assistant Student Association (who just recently received institutional recognition) at Daemen College is sponsoring a lecture regarding Fundoscopic Examination and the routine problems encountered. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Deborah Spink of Batavia Ophthalmology.

This is the first in a series of lectures to be sponsored by the Physician Assistant Student Society at Daemen College.

The date of the lecture is **Monday, March 18, 1996**. It will be held in Wick Center, Alumni Lounge, at 7 pm. All students and faculty are welcome to attend.

Daemen Dining Service
and the
Student Activities Office
present a

"Springtime Dinner"

Tuesday, March 19
from 4:30 to 6:30 pm
in Wick Dining Room

(Non-residents pay only \$4)

with music by
The Jazzabels!

Poetry Corner

As of my ancestors I think
Of lands near and far
I stand on the brink
Of who they were and are

Who am I?
I am those who were and will be
And so I shall try
To let them live through me

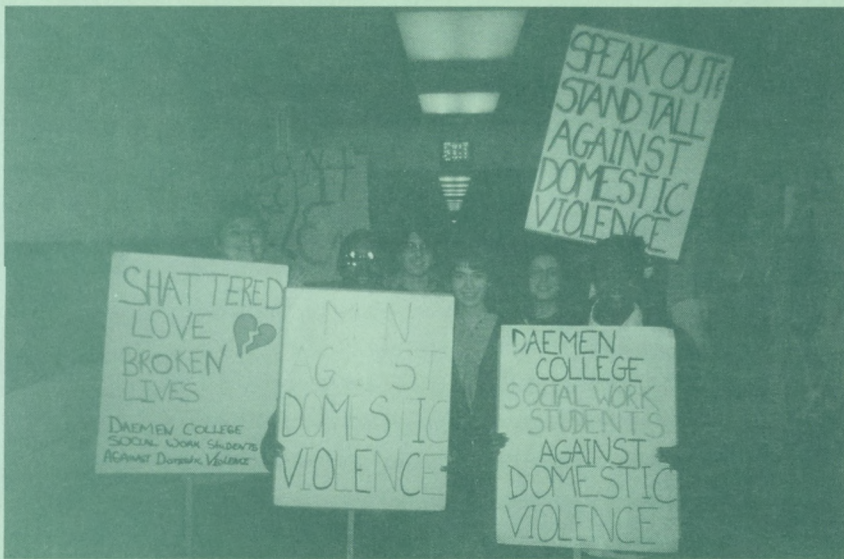
Irish, English, Native American
Scotish, Dutch
French and German
Because of them I am much

Yet one thing remains true
Of what can be and has been
Is what I have in common with you
I am and always will be an American

by Ann Peck

An American

DAEMEN STUDENTS PROTEST



Daemen College Social Work students participated in a protest march against domestic violence along with approximately 110 people, including persons who have experienced domestic violence and representatives from Haven House, Child and Family Services Department, Erie County Department of Social Services, Veterans' Administration Medical Center, Erie County Sheriff's Department, and Buffalo State College.

Hold on to your
college memories...

Buy a
yearbook!



(photo by Scott Paymer)

COMING
APRIL
1996

Only \$10
in the Bookstore

March is Social Work Month

by Renee Daniel, Chairperson of the Department of Social Work and Sociology

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) initiated National Professional Social Work Month in 1962, and in 1984, President Reagan officially designated March as Social Work Month.

Each year NASW embarks on a public service campaign to foster understanding of the social work profession by focusing on issues bearing on the well-being of the American people. The campaign kicks off each March, which is National Professional Social Work Month.

This year's campaign, along with the previous ones on stopping violence, is based on social workers' redefinition of violence. Real violence includes not just punishable crimes but also violence done to people by institutions, by a culture of violence, and by a lack of development opportunities. The campaign includes the idea that social workers help people understand the root causes of violence and solve problems without resorting to violence. Solutions to violence must rest in addressing a societal climate that permits violence to flourish.

Social Workers feel the best way to fight the rise in hate crimes and the violence associated with them is to involve the whole community and its children.

The National Association of Social Workers has developed a poster/brochure, the third in a series, that teaches junior high school age children that name calling, ridiculing others, and graffiti can foster hate and resentment that often escalate into hate crimes.

This year's theme, "Hate Crimes, Not In My Life, No Way!" is aimed primarily at junior high school aged children and is designed to lead them to an understanding of the way in which seemingly harmless actions--hate motivated graffiti, name calling, ridicule--are not only deeply hurtful to their intended targets, but also can create a climate conducive to hate crimes.

We have seen a rise in hate crimes recently and we need to take collective action to stop this kind of activity. Teaching our children early that these things aren't funny, that they can lead to real hurt of other people, and can create a climate in which hate crimes associated with hate can flourish is essential.

NASW already has produced and distributed two poster brochures "100

Things You Can Do To Stop Violence," aimed at adults and older youth, and "Stopping Violence Starts With Me," directed at elementary school age children.

The "Hate Crimes" brochure includes a pledge against hate that children can take individually, in groups, or as a part of adult-supervised activities. To see an example of these posters visit the Social Work office in DS 237.

Social workers have been increasing the public's understanding of social issues through the following Social Work Month themes.

- 1984 Listen to the Children
- 1985 Work is a Family Affair
- 1986 Aging Parents; Return the Gift of Caring
- 1987 Children in Poverty
- 1988 AIDS: We Need to Know, We Need to Care
- 1989 There's No Place Like Home
- 1990 Family Ties: Strengthening America's Families
- 1991 Family Ties: Strengthening American Families
- 1992 Global Family Ties: Families Are the Strength of Every Nation
- 1993 Vital Signs of a Healthy Nation
- 1994 100 Ways You Can Stop Violence...With Justice For All
- 1995 Stopping Violence Begins With Me...And Ends With Us!
- 1996 Hate Crimes--Not In My Life...No Way!

Celebrate Professional Social Work Month by participating in the various scheduled activities for the month.

Daemen College
Student Association
presents

TECHNO NIGHT

March 17, 1996
Wick Social Room, 1 - 5 am
That's early Sunday morning or late Saturday night (depending on your point of view).

*Come dance the "night"
(or morning) away with the
Student Association!*

FREE EATS & ADMISSION

Mark your calendars!

1997 YEARBOOK PHOTO WEEK

for

1997 SENIOR GRADUATES
FULL-TIME FACULTY
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

April 22-26

Wick Center Oddy Lounge

Sign up for an appointment at
Wick Desk beginning April 1.

ASCENT policies

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Opinions expressed by writers in the Ascent are not necessarily those of the Ascent or of Daemen College.

Ascent policy is to only print articles which include a byline.